

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 25, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Ladies' Luncheon

3/26 Sat, 12 noon

Church Work Day

4/2 Sat, 9:00 p.m.

Confirmation/Palm Sunday

4/10 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

Holy Week Noon Day Services

4/11-4/13 Mon-Wed, 12:10 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

4/14 Thur, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

4/15 Fri, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Resurrection Sunday

4/17 Sun, 10:00 a.m.

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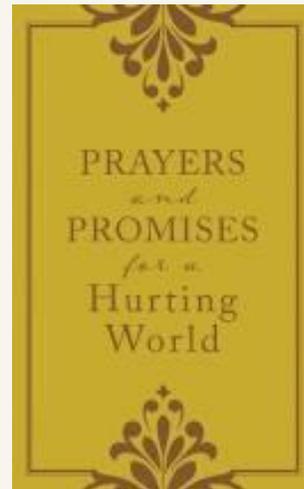
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God's Promises



An excerpt taken from
***Prayers and Promises
for a Hurting World,***
a devotional by Laura Freudig.

*"I call out to you; save me and I will
keep your statutes. I rise before dawn
and cry for help; I have put my hope
in your word"*

Psalm 119:146-147

Lord, I have so many questions about how to live in a way that pleases You. It seems impossible sometimes. I see hatred all around me. *Can I love?* I see injustice. *Can I treat others fairly?* I see sickness. *Can I bring healing and comfort?* I see broken relationships. *Can I show what peace and reconciliation look like?* I see fear. *Can I offer assurance and hope?* I see anger. *Can I be kind?* I see all these sins around me, yet I know they are in me too. Only through the Spirit working in and through me can I become part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Sunday Worship Service:
10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

[Visit our website](#)

Lord, You are the only remedy for this hurting world. You bring peace, healing, comfort, reconciliation, assurance, and hope. Your kindness is unfailing and everlasting. I pray that Your Spirit will fill me and spill out so I can answer yes to all those hard questions. On my own, it's impossible. Even when I want to say yes, I do often say no by my actions. Teach me to cry out to You, knowing that You are listening to me and acting for me and loving me, even when You seem silent. I am crying out now, Lord. Amen.

Seek God! Pray!
Give it ALL to Him!

Ladies' Luncheon

Calling All Ladies

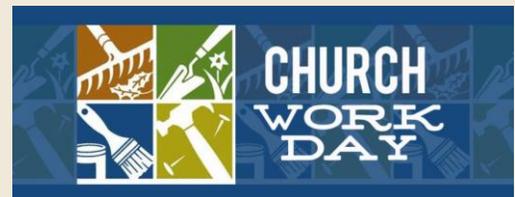
The Ladies' Spring Soup and Salad Luncheon is **TOMORROW, Saturday, March 26th** beginning at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and your favorite soup or salad to be shared with everyone. It promises to be a fun event with wonderful fellowship.

For questions, please call Lori Jones at (361)-903-5060.



Campus Cleanup Day

Church Work Day
Saturday, April 2nd,
Beginning at 9:00 a.m.



John Wandel, our Junior Warden, and Doug Wayland, our volunteer Sexton, are organizing a list of tasks that need to be done around our property to make it look lovely for Bishop Reed's visit April 10th and for Easter Sunday, April 17th. Some of the tasks on the list are: adding mulch to the flower beds in the courtyard, trimming trees, cleaning the columns, painting the wrought iron bench and varnishing the wood benches around the oak trees. Please consider coming to lend a hand to beautify our church home.

Easter Egg Fillers

Need Easter Egg Fillers for Easter Egg Hunt

We need your help with our annual Easter Egg Hunt this year. There are plenty of plastic eggs, so we don't need those. However, we do need trinkets to fill the eggs, like stickers, Easter themed items small enough to put in the eggs, and candy. Of course, the parents probably prefer more non-edible fillers!



Please bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, April 3rd**. There are boxes in the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall in which you may leave your gifts.

Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

April 10th is Palm Sunday and Confirmation Sunday

Bishop Reed will be here to celebrate Palm Sunday and Confirmation Sunday. There are five youth who are attending a confirmation class with Cindy Prowse and Fr. Rick. A reception will be held after the service in the fellowship hall, where the confirmands will be presented with their certificates and get the first slices of cake.

Bishop Reed will address the congregation after the presentation during coffee hour. Make plans to attend.

This promises to be a special Sunday for all.



Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is the most significant week in our liturgical year. It begins with Palm Sunday and concludes with the Easter Resurrection Service. There are services during the week that help us walk through the last week that Jesus was physically on this earth.



The Palm Sunday service and our Confirmation service will be the same Sunday, which makes for a morning full of celebration. This will be the first time, for us, that both liturgies will coincide.

For Easter Sunday, we're asking everyone to bring noise makers, which will be used every time "Alleluia" is said during the service. Kids, young and old, will have fun making "noise" during church! Click here for the [Holy Week Schedule](#).

Search Process

Links for Search Process Resources

Dear Faithful, please keep up your prayers and your faith; the search process is at work in God's time and God's timing! God's Peace!



Here are two scripture readings to ponder.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Luke 22:39-46

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

God's Peace and Blessings,
John D.

Here is a list of useful links to use during the search process for our new rector:

Parish Profile on St. Mark's [website](#)

Diocese of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)

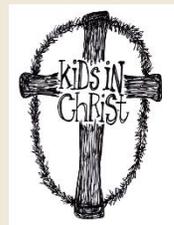
Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)

Youth and Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ

We'll gather at the church Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. to draw the Hosanna chalk art on the sidewalks around the sanctuary. Terry Wright is also going to teach us how make crosses out of palm fronds.



SEEK Youth Group

Five of our youth group (Libby, Colin, Alise, Kadynze, and Melody) are currently staying after church on Sundays for confirmation class with Fr. Rick and Mrs. Prowse. Confirmation Sunday is April 10th. Those of you not in the class are invited to hang out with Kids in Christ until noon. We will wait until after Easter to resume our 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon gatherings.



Feel free to text prayers requests in our group chat or to Mrs. Molly anytime.

Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. Though we have experienced limitations for worshipping together, we still have ministries to support and salaries and bills to pay. Give out of faith, thanksgiving, and generosity, and never out of guilt. If you are blessed to be able to give, here are the four ways to do that:



- Online through our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on that and it will take you to our online EGiving page. You will need to set up a user profile, and then you can set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts. You can also give through the ["Donate to St. Mark's"](#) link.
- **NEW APP**----Through your cell phone using the app, Vanco Mobile. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Vanco Mobile". The icon background is dark purple with a white circle and a purple letter "V" in the center. Download the app and follow the prompts. You can use it to set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts.
- Mail in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. We have a drop-in mailbox that is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.
- Drop your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors at the fellowship hall.

**THANK YOU for helping spread the Kingdom
through your continuing support
of St. Mark's Church.**

Weekly Calendar

Calendar & Ministry Schedule

Here is the [link](#) to the March schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

March 26 - Saturday

12:00 p.m. - Ladies' Spring Soup and Salad Luncheon--Fellowship Hall

March 27 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Kids in Christ--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Youth Confirmation Class--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Outreach Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group **will not meet**

March 29 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online--Zoom

March 30 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. - Search Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall

April 2 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Church Cleanup Day--Courtyard

Helpful Links

Below you will find several links to websites or Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)